



## Happy 4th of July!

*Please enjoy the holiday responsibly and have a great weekend.*

**Neighborhood Forum with Glendale Fire** - Councilmember Gary Sherwood will host his next Neighborhood Forum with Glendale Firefighters, talking about fire safety and how Glendale citizens can help during the summer months. Councilmember Sherwood will be noting any issues brought up during the Forum in order to respond efficiently and thoroughly. It will be held at **Fire Station 159 (17159 N 63rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85308)** on **July 22, from 5:30-7:00 pm.**

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**Pictured above:** Last week's Neighborhood Forum with GPD was a success! 50 community members discussed their neighborhood's issues with Glendale Police and CM Sherwood. Everyone left having learned something valuable.



## SOUND-OFF QUESTION.

Here's another sampling of the Arizona Republic's "sound-off" which runs in Saturday's Glendale community section asking West Valley elected officials to weigh in on that week's question.

**Should the Arizona Department of Gaming allow the West Valley Resort to open its casino when it is completed at the end of this year?**

The State's actions fly in the face of the recommendations of ADG's own gaming law expert, federal law (IGRA), and a Federal District Court ruling reaffirming that the Nation's project is authorized under the compact. As a result, the Nation has filed suit to compel the State to abide by federal law and immediately cease its threats to certified gaming vendors and employees. The City of Glendale and multiple other cities have written the Governor, requesting the opportunity to meet with him, to have him come and see that the project is already well underway, and to provide insights on the importance of this project. Our residents are counting on the thousands of jobs the casino is creating, and the positive economic and entertainment opportunities this project brings to the community. Our local businesses need the extra tourism dollars it will bring to our community and our budget is counting on the funding the casino will bring when it opens later this year.

## ECONOMIST VIEW

Here's another blog post from national economists, Dr. Elliot Eisenberg. This is from a couple of weeks ago.

### Bad Birds

## SHERWOOD'S ADVISORY GROUP

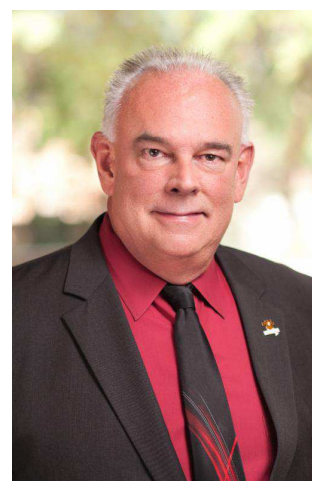
Councilmember Sherwood is putting together an advisory board and he wants you to be a part of it! This group will exist mostly through emails, in which the councilmember will run ideas past the group and ask for input and opinion.

If you are interested in being part of Sherwood's Advisory Group (SAG) or would like more information, please email Emily Michael at [emichael@glendaleaz.com](mailto:emichael@glendaleaz.com).

## THIS WEEK *with* COUNCILMEMBER SHERWOOD.

Greetings Sahuaro Residents,

I'm combining last week's newsletter which didn't get published with this one as it has already been a very busy "summer break". I wish all of you a very enjoyable, safe and extended Independence Day weekend. Please take a moment and reflect on this holiday. Popular culture would have you believe that this is a birthday party for the country. Flags wave, bands march and fireworks fly. The parades are pageants, visible spectacles for all to applaud and enjoy. After the confetti blows away, what is the meaning of the day? Commemoration of the Declaration of Independence should be the primary reason for the remembrance. The cardinal expression of the American experiment is found in the political genius of the Declaration of Independence. Within the text is a succinct summary of grievances and principles. It is also an explanation for actions necessary to secure liberty.



### Travels & Events Attended

- **6-24** Attended MAG (Maricopa Association of Government) "Passing of the Gavel" annual event which recognized the outgoing chair Michael LeVault, Mayor of Youngtown and elected the new chair, Scottsdale Mayor Jim Lane.
- **6-24** Attended "Coffee with a Cop" in the Ocotillo district
- **6-25** GPEC (Greater Phoenix Economic Council) where I am a certified ambassador had a panel discussion on "Trends in Talent Recruitment" at their offices in downtown Phoenix. Information gained here is helpful when working with our economic development folks when they bring in potential employers



Producer prices jumped 0.5% last month, due mainly to rising gasoline prices, but the 56.4% rise in chicken egg prices, the largest increase since at least 1937, helped. To date, 47 million chickens have been killed due to Avian Bird Flu, of which 38.5 million were egg-layers, 12.7% of the flock. Part of the problem; the number of commercial egg companies are less than 200 and average 1.5 million birds/company.

## NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM SUCCESS

I so appreciate the response we had last Thursday (26th) at the first monthly neighborhood formatted meeting where there really is no agenda. I was surprised and pleased at all of the questions and concerns directed towards our Police Department. I will make sure that we keep future "Coffee with the Cops" meetings taking place either in or adjoining our district posted here.

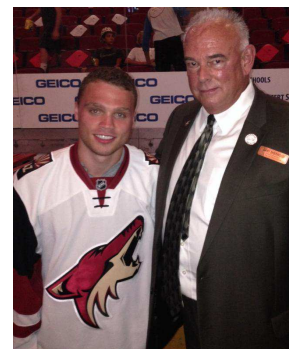
In terms of the surveys that about 20% of those attending filled out, all enjoyed this format, most felt the time for questions was okay, (more on that later), all felt that the presentations were good, starting time good, and half wanted to continue with these types of meetings in addition to the more formal district meetings a couple of times a year. The other half were split on wanting to have just the district or just the neighborhood monthly's.

The format for these that Van and I envisioned was to be mostly open question with no agenda. Mixed in some months will be highlighting a city department like we did with PD. Next months will be at a fire station and we'll have a presentation and discussion related to our fire and paramedic services. We ran over by thirty minutes last week, primarily because of the interest in police. I do want to keep these to ninety minutes but personally I never have a problem continuing as long as there is at least one person left to talk to.

- **6-26** I traveled to Sells, Arizona, about 10 miles from the southernboarder as an invited guest of the Tohono O'odham Nation representing the City of Glendale for the swearing in ceremony of their new Chairman Edward Manuel and their new Vice Chairman Verlon Jose.



- **6-26** Later on in the day, I attended the Arizona Coyotes Draft party turned into a rally event. I was recognized by their CEO, Anthony LeBlanc as a supporter of theirs as I am of the city and their continued economic development centered around the sports and entertainment district. Close to 4000 supporters showed up for the unveiling of their new jerseys, it is the team's first major uniform overhaul since the team introduced their current jerseys and uniform on Sept. 3, 2003.



- **6-26** I finished the day with ""Stronger Than Steel: The Art of First Response - The Arizona Public Safety Collection", at Gallery Glendale located inside Westgate. The exhibit opened that day as part of a monthly series of exhibits at Gallery Glendale, more information exists under Community Connections in this newsletter.
- **6-27** A went to a Habitat for Humanity dedication Saturday morning in the Ocotillo district. This was the 109th new home that Glendale has sponsored with Habitat since the partnership began in 1999. The cool thing about these homes and the families that benefit from them is that generally, you'll see the neighbors put a fresh coat of paint on their homes and spruce up the landscaping and see improvements in their respective neighborhoods.
- **6-27** Later that morning I went to Midwestern University Companion Animal Clinic VIP tour which





## COMING UP

### Holiday Notice - Upcoming Holiday Notice

#### **Fireworks at Westgate**

What could be better than a hometown firework display for July 4? How about adding live music stages (Fountain Park and Events Plaza), a beer garden (Events Plaza) and more! The event will take place on **Saturday, July 4 from 5-9:30 p.m.** at the Westgate Entertainment District located at 6751 North Sunset Boulevard. For more information, visit [Westgateaz.com](http://Westgateaz.com).

**A Patriotic Celebration! 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursday, July 2, in the Palo Verde Room.** Enjoy a patriotic show presented by Bobby Freeman, AZ Diamondbacks organist. Lunch is provided by the YWCA and will include a grilled hamburger with all the trimmings. There will be plenty of fun, food and fellowship. Tickets are \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Tickets must be purchased in ADVANCE at the Glendale Adult Center by Monday, June 29.

## ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

The Glendale City Council has expressed specific interest in hearing feedback from Glendale residents. An ordinance, if adopted, would protect the rights of Glendale citizens and visitors from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. The schedule for the public meetings are:

- **Saturday, July 25** (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Glendale, AZ 85308. Sign in begins at 9:30 a.m.
- **Thursday, July 30** (6 - 8 p.m.)

opened recently as part of the College of Veterinary Medicine. It's very impressive and what one would expect from the Dr. Kathleen Goeppinger led University. The main floor clinic is now open to the public and is a full service, everything you would expect from a first class animal hospital. I dare say they have some equipment which is better than some "people" hospitals have. Includes a 78,000 square-foot academic building, a 70,000 square-foot large animal teaching facility and a 111,800 square-foot veterinary teaching clinic open to the public.

- **6-27** I concluded the day as a guest of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Chapter 20 Installation Ceremony of their officers over at their Chapter home. This is a great organization and my third year in a row that I have been given the honor to attend. They are dedicated to a single purpose and that is to empower veterans and their families to lead high quality lives with respect and dignity.
- **7-1** Thelma Teague Library Renovation Celebration - A federal grant worth \$199K went into the refurbishment of the city's library. Relatives from the city's original librarian were in attendance and told stories of how meticulous miss Thelma was. The original library was built in Murphy Park in 1938. The current library was lobbied for in the mid-60's and opened in 1971. The library supports 180,000 customer visits annually and has 230 programs with over 5000 attendees annually as well.
- **7-1** Afterwards, I attended a "Coffee with a Cop", again in the Ocotillo district. There are four of these meetings each month spread around the city. Two out of the Gateway sector and two out of the Foothills sector (our district included). I am such a believer of this program. The more the public gets familiar with policing services, the better off and safer our community will be. There definitely has to be a strong partnership between PD and our citizens and encourage you to attend future meetings in our area.

### **Next Several Weeks**

Even though we go dark in July in terms of meetings, there is much going on in July. The saga with the Coyote's continue with many of us being disposed leading to discovery hearings which begin in court at the end of the month. The final two public meetings on a possible discrimination ordinance take place at the end of the month (see details elsewhere in this newsletter). The community working group on light rail continues to meet this month. Council will also be receiving their first slate of city manager candidates in a couple of weeks, it's been five months without a permeant replacement and the city definitely needs to have that in place ASAP.

### **S.T.E.A.M.**

I expect that a really cool program will begin operating out of the

Spa, 9495 W. Coyotes Blvd.  
Glendale, AZ 85305. Sign in  
begins at 5:30 p.m.

If you cannot attend any of the meetings but would like to offer input, you can leave comments on a recorded phone line at 623-930-2255 or email [GlendaleFeedback@glendaleaz.com](mailto:GlendaleFeedback@glendaleaz.com). Please know that all written and spoken comments will become part of the official record of public input for this process. For more information, please contact the Glendale City Manager's Office at 623-930-2870.

## GLENDALE PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Hot Cars Can Kill** - Watch this public service video.
- **Heat Relief**. The following facilities will be open during normal hours of operation, **to any person or family seeking "respite and hydration"**: the lobby areas of the Glendale Adult Center, Foothills Recreation and Aquatics, the three libraries, the Communication Action Program office, and the lobby area of Community Housing. We will provide bottled water and place to cool off, if needed. If there are issues with homelessness or a need for utility assistance: Becky Daniel 623-930-2853) and the CAP staff will do their best to assist.
- **Glendale Police Promote A Summer Of Safety**. In an effort to keep our children safe this summer, the Glendale Police Department would like to inform parents and children about city ordinances that outline curfew for those under the age of 18. Juveniles under the age of 16 have a curfew of 10:00pm-5:00am. Those 16 and older have a curfew of 12:00am-5:00am. It is also a violation for a parent or guardian to allow a juvenile to

(just north of T.B. on 59th Ave) possibly by the end of July. Yes, it's STEAM - science, technology, engineering, art, and math. I wrote about it earlier. It's going to be a summer program, during the school year, an after school program.

STEM + Art = STEAM In this climate of economic uncertainty, America is once again turning to innovation as the way to ensure a prosperous future. Yet innovation remains tightly coupled with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math - the STEM subjects. Art + Design are poised to transform our economy in the 21st century just as science and technology did in the last century. We need to add Art + Design to the equation - to transform STEM into STEAM.

Councilmember Gary Sherwood

## GLENDALE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- **Free Summer Band Concerts Bring Music to Downtown Glendale Summer Evenings**. The West Valley's favorite summer tradition takes place **each Thursday at 8 p.m. and runs through July 23**, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 58th and Glenn Dr. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its inspiring renditions of marches, polkas, movie medleys and other tunes from all over the world.
- **Exhibit from Behind the Badge Displayed At Gallery Glendale** - An exhibit of more than 28 compelling images of law enforcement and firefighters from across the state of Arizona, including Glendale Police and Fire departments, Ziemba's collection, "Stronger Than Steel: The Art of First Response - The Arizona Public Safety Collection", will be on display at **Gallery Glendale located inside Westgate, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd.**, in the month of July. Gallery Glendale is **free and open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m.**
- **Glendale Splash Pads**. Cool off and have fun for FREE at one of Glendale's two splash pads! The location and hours of the two splash pads are:  
**Heroes Park Splash Pad** - 83rd Ave. & Berridge Ln. (on 83rd Ave., just north of Bethany Home Rd.).  
\*\*\*May 23 - August 9: open daily from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
\*\*\*August 15 - September 7: open weekends only from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
**Sycamore Grove Park Splash Pad** - 86th Lane and Emil Rovey Parkway.  
\*\*\*May 25 - September 7; open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- **"Be Glendale Monsoon Ready"** With the monsoon season officially upon us, Glendale 11 TV debuts "Monsoon: Eye on the Storm" to inform residents of important safety resources, featuring experts from the Glendale Fire and Police departments and features CRS

violate the curfews that are in place.

5 anchor Sean McLaughlin and the CBS 5 team of meteorologists. The show will air **each Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m.** and various times throughout the week.

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